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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAA SUMMER 1976 SCHEDULES

1. PAA PLANS TO INCREASE ITS SCHEDULED COMBINATION SERVICES TO TEHRAN EFFECTIVE MAY 20, 1976. THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1972, CONTAINS AN ANNEX WITH PROCEDURES FOR PRESCREENING AND FILING OF SCHEDULES CONTAINING CAPACITY INCREASES AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SCHEDULE. ALTHOUGH THE USG IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE PAA INCREASES UNTIL MARCH 20, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FILE NEW PAA SCHEDULES NOW SO THAT GOI AUTHORITIES WILL HAVE PAA PLANS PRIOR TO THE CONSULTATIONS. PAA REPRESENTATIVE TEHRAN WILL PROVIDE THE EMBASSY COPIES OF THE SCHEDULE.

2. PAA PLANS TO SERVE TEHRAN ON ALL OF ITS DAILY 747

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ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHTS. PRESENTLY, IT SERVES TEHRAN FOUR

TIMES A WEEK ON THIS SERVICE. PAA IS DROPPING BOTH BEIRUT AND ISTANBUL FROM THE ROUND-THE-WORLD SERVICE. NEW YORK-TEHRAN WILL BECOME A DAILY TWO-STOP SERVICE VIA LONDON AND FRANKFURT. IT ALSO PLANS TO TERMINATE SEVEN 707 FREQUENCIES PER WEEK ON ITS MIDDLE EAST SERVICE BEYOND ROME. PRESENTLY IT TERMINATES SIX PER WEEK. THERE WILL

BE NO CHANGES IN ITS ALL-CARGO CAPACITY.

3. FYI: THIS CAPACITY INCREASE RESULTS IN 53.4 PERCENT MORE PAA SEATS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND TEHRAN. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE GROWTH IN THE NEW YORK-TEHRAN MARKET AND NETWORK ASPECT OF PAA ROUND-THE-WORLD SERVICES, USG BELIEVES THE CAPACITY INCREASE IS NOT UNREASONABLE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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